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DTC concessional passes to theresidents of J. J. Colonies

2890. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC issues concessional passes to the residents of J. J. Colonies;

(b) if so, the details of such colonies in Delhi ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the resident of J. J. Colony, Moti Bagh-II, New Delhi who were evacuated from the areas near Ashoka Hotel and resettled at present site have not been extended this facility ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have been taken to extend this facility to the residents of the above colony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) The DTC extends the facility of concessions in the monthly bus pass to the original dwellers who were shifted during the emergency to 17 far flung resettlement colonies. This was extended on the consideration that they were uprooted from the heart of the city which was their work place too. The J. J. Colony, Moti Bagh- II does not figure in the list of these colonies and as such the facility of passes at concessional rates is not admissible to residents of this colony.

The details of the colonies where concessional pass facility is available are:—

1. Kalyanpuri
2. Khichri Pur
3. Tirlok Puri
4. Nand Nagri
5. New Seema Puri
6. Gokal Puri
7. Jahangir Puri
8. Sultan Puri
9. Nangloi III } Jawala Puri
10. Amalvas Puri }
11. Khiyala
12. Dakshan Puri
13. Madan Gir
14. Shakar Pur
15. Khanpur
16. Raghubir Nagar
17. Mangol Puri

(e) Does not arise in view of answer above.

Allocation of more routes for Redline Buses

2891. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while on the one hand the Redline Bus operators in the city are involved in maximum number of accidents and violation of Traffic rules, on the other hand they are demanding for allocation of more routes;

(b) if so, the number of routes on which Redline buses are being presently operated and the additional routes demanded by the operators;

(c) the number of accidents in which Redline buses were involved (giving the number of fatal accidents) since their operation in the city as against the other buses running on DTC routes; and

(d) whether in spite of their accident record Government propose to accept their demand for additional routes; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a)

Some instances of Redline buses involved in accidents and violation of traffic rules have come to the notice of the Government. Some Redline bus operators have requested for change/diversion/extension/ of allotted routes.

(b) 813 routes—which have been extended/diverted.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amending the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

2892. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make radical changes in Section 21 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the various categories, classified as Indian Shipping Companies, for inclusion in the proposed amendment and the benefits of each envisaged by Government: and

(c) whether Government are also considering to amend the Section 51 of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

Certain amendments to Section 21 and 51 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 are under process.

Sale of land by Visakhapatnam Port Trust

2893. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Port Trust submitted any proposals for sale or hire of land to raise finance;

(b) whether it is fact that Government are encouraging Port Trust to raise funds by selling their land assets; and

(c) if so, the details of proposals submitted or implemente dby Visakhapatnam Port Trust in 1991-92 and 1992-93 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) There have been no proposals from Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) for commercial exploitation of land to raise resources. No such directions to VPT have been given by the Government either. However, in accordance with Govarnment guidelines and under the provisions of Major Port Trust Act, VPT do lease land as may be available with them, generally for port related activities.

Pending proposals of Andhra Pradesh under the Central Road Funds

2894. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Wil the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Prádesh have submitted any proposals for sanction of Rs. 1.20 crores under the Central Road Funds in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these proposals have been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a)